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NEW ENGLAND DEACONESS HOSPITAL

F. W. CAPPER ELECTED DEACONESS PRESIDENT; MISS HOWLAND NAMED DIRECTOR OF NURSING

Francis W. Capper

Ellen D. Howland

Francis W. Capper of Brookline, treasurer of the New England Deaconess Hospital Corporation since 1933 and chairman of the Executive Committee for the past three years, was elected president of the Corporation at the annual meeting on November 20 in the Joslin Auditorium.

Mr. Capper, a vice-president of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co., succeeds Bishop John Wesley Lord, who was elected to the new position of Chairman of the Board.

Henry S. Rogerson of Brookline, a member of the hospital Corporation since 1935, is the new treasurer of the Corporation. He is a director and vice-president of the Lee Higginson Corp. of Boston.

Trustees and Corporation members at the meeting congratulated Bishop Lord on his election to the new position, created by the adoption of an amendment to the By-laws. Gratitude of the Corporation and all associated with the hospital was expressed for his dedicated service as president.

Mr. Capper's elevation to the presidency climaxed his many years of personal sacrifice, enthusiastic endeavor and professional guidance in behalf of the Deaconess.

A graduate of Harvard in the class of 1915, he has reaped honors in banking and financial circles. He is a mem-

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The appointment of Miss Ellen D. Howland, formerly assistant director of the School of Nursing, as New England Deaconess Hospital Director of Nursing has been announced by Bishop John Wesley Lord. Miss Howland now heads the Nursing service and the School of Nursing.

Succeeding her as assistant director of the School of Nursing is Miss Joan Randle. Miss Janie G. Christie has been named supervisor of clinical instruction.

Miss Howland assumes her new position with a record of high professional accomplishment and honored recognition by her associates. She acknowledges a profound devotion to teaching and manifests skill combined with a delicate sense of humor, an administrative ability refined by a sympathetic understanding of human motivations and aspirations.

By avocation she is devoted to things historical. And this, perhaps, is an inherited interest, for her ancestral roots are deep in the founding of America and in the adventuresome whaling past of New Bedford, her birthplace.

Her first association with the Deaconess was as a student at the Nursing School. She joined the nursing staff after graduation in 1942 and soon was appointed head nurse on Deaconess II.

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M E M O R A N D U M

FRIDAY

November 2, 1956

TO: ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS

FROM: Robert D. Lowry, Executive Director

Bishop John Wesley Lord, President of the Corporation, takes pleasure in announcing the appointment of Miss Ellen D. Howland as Director of Nursing. Miss Howland will head the School of Nursing as well as the Nursing Service.

Miss Joan Randle has been appointed Assistant Director of the School of Nursing and Miss Janie G. Christie has been named Supervisor of Clinical Instruction.

Public announcement of the new appointments will be made Sunday.

DEACONESS TALENT SET TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS SHOW ON DECEMBER 21

Heather Davidson, chief talent recruiter and chairman of the Christmas Party Committee, has been tapping her toes to some strange tunes of late.

Occasionally she and her talent associates whistle a familiar song — but there's a blackout on the words. The only motive for mystery is fun, for Heather has been blending melody and twisting lyrics to fit the Deaconess scene.

On Friday, December 21, all employees will have a chance to chuckle and sing when the Christmas show makes its debut at Joslin Auditorium. Performances will be presented at 2:30 and 3:30 p. m. Refreshments will be served in Harris Hall from 2:30 to 5 p. m.

Committee members include Nan Mondello, Jayne Maguire, Vera Russell, Erminie Smith and Mary Sullivan. And although secrecy will veil the program until December 21, rumor has it that Herman Decker will be a Santa of sorts.

A Christmas atmosphere overtook Deaconess well before the shopping rush hit its peak. Students of the Massachusetts School of Art began decorating Gift Shop windows at the end of November.

The students also introduced the Christmas decor to the interior of the shop. Gordon Reynolds, president of the school and personal friend of Doctor and Mrs. Charles Lamb, generously provided the services of the young artists.

TUNING UP — Rehearsing for the Deaconess Christmas program, to be presented on Friday, December 21, are, left to right, Ann Houghton, Mary Sullivan, Effie Winger, Mary Comey, John Slayton, Nan Mondello, Heather Davidson, Betty Shaw, Sam Marotta and Terry Ford. Playing the piano is Jayne Maguire.

BOWLING SCORES

November 29, Session No. 10

No.	Name	Pinfall	Points
1	The Sudsies	14,364	30
3	The Short Circuits	14,179	25
12	Chuck's Chuckers	14,014	22
6	Adams' Apples	13,930	20
11	The Labettes	13,883	20
8	The Charged Particles	13,794	20
9	The Walkie Talkies	14,102	19
2	Lowry's Lefties	13,828	19
7	The Cut-Ups	13,771	19
5	Nelson's Nightmares	13,891	18
10	The Worcester-Shires	13,733	16
4	Fisher's Fugitives	13,834	12

High Singles, November 29, 1956

Priscilla Mathewson	102
Dick Fabello	118

High Singles for the Year

Priscilla Mathewson	102
Walter Kilroy	127
Sam Marotta	127

High 3-String for the Year

Priscilla Mathewson	281
Walter Kilroy	330

High Average for the Year

Veglia Caccivio	85
Don Lowry	97

HERE . . . AND THERE

Chef Bill Gibson is displaying a variety of prizes won recently at the Massachusetts Cage Bird Association's competition at Horticultural Hall. Bill captured first prize with his display of wild birds, including his foreign finches from Africa and Asia. His border fancy canaries outclassed the competition and won Bill a cup, trophy and cash. Hobbyist Gibson is currently raising 150 rare birds in his home.

Walter C. Emery, laundry manager, was brought up to date recently on the problems and methods of atomic-age laundering. At a national convention in Memphis he heard the experts discuss ways and means of eliminating radiation from bedding, clothing, etc. should the need arise.

Most traveled girl in the new class at the School of Nursing is Miss Donna Jean Ramsay. She is swapping a career as a professional swimmer to enter nursing. Until recently Donna was a ballet swimmer in the Water Follies and performed throughout the United States, in Australia, Hawaii, the Fiji Islands, Canada and Mexico.

Charles F. Schraub, pharmacist in chief, has been elected a Hospital Fellow of the American College of Apothecaries. The board of directors awarded him a framed certificate of fellowship.

The Joslin Clinic will share the eye research funds raised recently by the Lions Clubs of Massachusetts. The funds will help to continue the study of blindness caused by diabetes.

Twenty-two Deaconess Volunteers donated their services at the seventh annual Diabetes Fair at the Mechanics Building last month. Doctors' wives, nurses aides, gift shop workers, blood bank personnel and others helped staff the many booths.

Marion Hutchins, graduate of the School of Nursing in the class of 1945, is featured in the December issue of the Ladies Home Journal in the article, "How Young America Lives." Now married, she lives in Charlestown, N. H.

Miss Effie M. Winger, dietitian-in-chief, has been elected to the Council of the American Dietetic Association to serve for four years.

FRIENDS ELECT MISS SECCOMB PRESIDENT

FRIENDS CONFER — Among the newly-elected officers of the Friends of the Deaconess at luncheon honoring Mrs. Sheldon Wardwell were, left to right, Mrs. Lyman H. Hoyt, recording secretary; Mrs. Henry W. Porter, membership committee chairman; Mrs. Shields Warren, treasurer; Mrs. Warren F. Cook, first vice-president, and Miss Dorothy B. Seccomb, president.

Miss Dorothy B. Seccomb of Boston was elected president of the Friends of the Deaconess at the annual meeting of the group in the Joslin Auditorium on October 16. She succeeds Mrs. Sheldon E. Wardwell of Brookline, who resigned after holding the office for seven years.

Miss Seccomb, long one of the most active officials of the Friends, previously was vice-president. Last year, as chairman of the Concert Committee, she arranged the Vienna Choir Boys benefit for the hospital at Symphony Hall.

Other officers named at the meeting were:

Mrs. Warren F. Cook of Chestnut Hill, first vice-president; Mrs. Eugene H. Mather of Brookline, second vice-president; Mrs. John Hill of Boston, third vice-president; Mrs. Shields Warren of West Newton, treasurer; Mrs. Lyman Hoyt of Brookline, recording secretary; Mrs. John McKittrick of West Newton, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Henry W. Porter of Brookline, chairman of the Membership Committee.

Doctors' Wives Hold Luncheon

MRS. WARDWELL IS GUEST OF HONOR

Mrs. Sheldon E. Wardwell of Brookline, resigning president of the Friends of the New England Deaconess Hospital, was honored on October 31 at a noontime luncheon held by 13 doctors' wives at the home of Mrs. Leland S. McKittrick, 86 Dean Road, Brookline.

Thirty-eight Directors of the Friends of the Deaconess, including newly elected officers, were present to express appreciation to Mrs. Wardwell for her service and leadership during seven years as president. She was presented a gold bracelet by Miss Dorothy Seccomb, newly elected president of the Friends, representing the group.

Sponsoring the luncheon were Mrs. McKittrick, Mrs. Zabdiel B. Adams of Brookline, Mrs. F. Gorham Brigham of Chestnut Hill, Mrs. Richard B. Cattell of West Newton, Mrs. Lyman H. Hoyt of Brookline, Mrs. Lewis H. Hurxthal of West Newton, Mrs. Allen Joslin of West Newton, Mrs. Charles Lamb of Boston, Mrs. Frederic T. Lewis of Waban, Mrs. John McKittrick of West Newton, Mrs. Richard Overholt of Dedham, Mrs. Richard H. Sweet of Boston, and Mrs. Shields Warren of West Newton.

Miss Seccomb Voted Member of Corporation

Miss Dorothy Seccomb, new president of the Friends of the Deaconess, was one of eight persons elected corporate members of the Deaconess at the annual Corporation meeting.

FRIENDS THANKED

Robert D. Lowry, executive director, expressed the "deepest gratitude of the Deaconess" to the Friends at their annual meeting for their $3,000 gift for the Special Care Unit. He told of the intense care and other benefits to critically ill patients made possible by the efforts of the Friends who sponsored the Vienna Choir Boys Concert to help establish the Special Care Unit.

TRIBUTE — Miss Dorothy B. Seccomb, right, new president of the Friends of the Deaconess, presents gold bracelet to Mrs. Sheldon E. Wardwell, resigning president, at luncheon held by group of doctors' wives in Mrs. Wardwell's honor at home of Mrs. Leland McKittrick.

DR. SHIELDS WARREN CITES ROLE OF ATOMIC ENERGY

Atomic energy rests at the "very root of our national policy in terms of war or peace," Dr. Shields Warren told the trustees and corporation members of the Deaconess Hospital at the annual meeting.

Dr. Warren, principal speaker at the gathering, outlined the two-fold role of atomic energy in maintaining the nation's security and insuring its progress.

"In a world far from an easy and complete peace," he said, "men of vision are doing their best to maintain a truce. Atomic energy has given us peace rather than subjugation to communism.

"A nation with an adequate atomic arsenal and adequate means of delivery cannot be attacked other than suicidally. This is the key to our national policy regarding war."

Massive retaliation must be quick and complete, he emphasized, adding that as far as the United States is concerned, "it can now be both."

Dr. Warren said that in terms of peace, the most significant event recently has been the establishing of the International Atomic Energy Agency to pool sources of atomic energy and knowhow for peaceful uses. He cited the importance of atomic energy as an issue in the Presidential campaign as evidence that a great mass of people now realize the meaning of atomic energy.

Noting that plans have been made to establish an atomic energy plant in western Massachusetts, he said one English city already has harnessed atomic energy for light and power.

"The reason atomic energy can fill a dual purpose," he explained, "is that we can control atomic explosions, slowing them down to produce in a long period of time the same energy produced in a sudden burst. The submarine Nautilus uses the same type of power as atomic bombs dropped in Pacific tests and at Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

"It is striking that atomic fuels of the fission type, including uranium and plutonium, can be used in either bombs or power plants."

He disclosed that in the event of disarmament, atomic bombs could be converted to peacetime uses. Unlike conventional types of high explosives, they would not have to be "dumped at sea." Rather, they could be used as a means of "enriching mankind — as a power to fight affliction."

Deterioration, he explained, is no problem with the atomic energy fuels. Uranium will deteriorate only 50 per cent in 24,000 years and Plutonium will deteriorate 50 per cent in 45 thousand million years.

Dr. Warren concluded that in peace or war the most important consideration for setting national policy is atomic energy.

F. W. Capper New President

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ber of the Massachusetts Bankers Association Fiduciary Committee, a director of the Brookline Trust Co. and a corporator of the Brookline Savings Bank.

In addition, he is a director of the Income Fund of Boston, a member of the advisory board of the Investment Trust of Boston, a trustee of the Northwestern Leather Co. Trust, and a director of Rand Avery-Gordon Taylor Inc.

Mr. Capper's leadership — a leadership which presages continued progress and prestige for the Deaconess — extends to many community and charitable activities.

He is a member of the finance committee of the Town of Brookline, the executive committee of the First Corps Cadets Veterans Association and the governing board of the Hospital Council of Greater Boston, a unit of the United Community Service.

He serves as a trustee of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, a director of the Boston Children's Friend Society, assistant treasurer of the Cooperative Workroom and trustee of the New England Peabody Home for Crippled Children.

Re-elected to the office of vice-president were Howard W. Brewer and Lester C. Peabody. Vincent P. Clarke was again elected clerk of the Corporation.

The Corporation expressed thanks to the Friends of the Deaconess for their many activities in behalf of the hospital during the past year and especially for their contribution to the Special Care Unit. The members voted to thank Arthur T. Dooley for his gift of the new chapel.

CAPPER AGAIN CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

One week after his election as president of the corporation, Francis W. Capper was again honored, this time by re-election as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Laurens MacLure of Cohasset, trust officer of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, was named assistant treasurer of the Deaconess Corporation. A new member of the Corporation, Mr. MacLure is a director and treasurer of the Associated Day Care Services of Metropolitan Boston and director and treasurer of the James Jackson Putnam Clinic.

NEW CORPORATE MEMBERS

The Reverend J. Norman Barrett of Manchester, N. H., District Superintendent, Methodist Church.

Roy M. Robinson of Boston, Lawyer.

H. Rushton Harwood of Winchester, Treasurer, Franklin Institution for Savings.

Charles E. Smith of Newton, Vice-President, Newton National Bank.

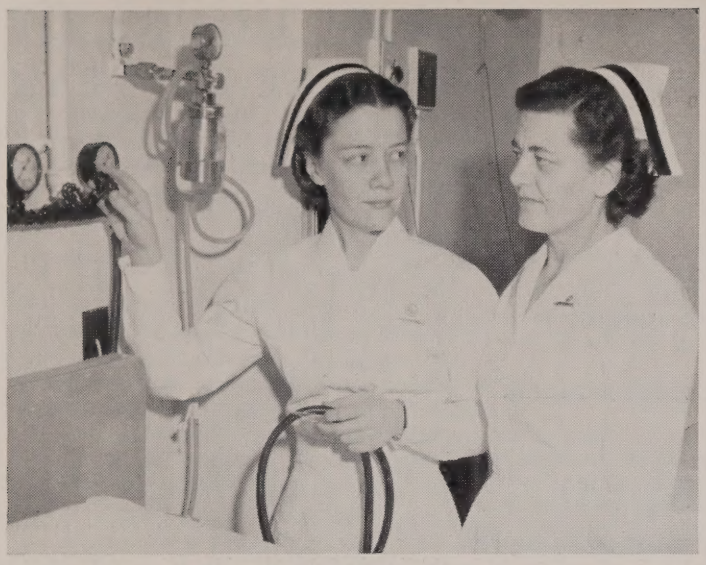
Laurens MacLure of Cohasset, Trust Officer, Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.

Chester D. Shepherd of Belmont, Relief Commissioner, Grand Lodge of Masons of Mass.

Miss Dorothy Seccomb of Boston, President, Friends of the Deaconess.

Edward Dane of Brookline, President, Brookline Trust Co.

NURSING SERVICE



DISCUSSING EQUIPMENT in the Special Care Unit are Miss Ellen D. Howland, left, and Mrs. Klara M. Gove, assistant director of the Nursing Service. As director of Nursing, Miss Howland heads the Nursing Service and School of Nursing.

NURSING SCHOOL

IN CONFERENCE concerning School of Nursing matters are, left to right, Miss Janie G. Christie, recently-named supervisor of clinical instruction; Miss Ellen D. Howland and Miss Joan Randle, new assistant director of the School of Nursing.

Miss Howland Appointed

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After two years she was advanced to supervisor, a position in which she served for 15 months.

Miss Howland realized an ambition to teach — her desire since childhood — when she was appointed assistant nursing arts instructor. Two years later she became acting assistant superintendent of Nursing Service.

She remained at this post for a year and then returned to the School of Nursing as a nursing arts instructor. Two years in this position were followed by appointment as assistant director of the School of Nursing, where she remained for five years until her recent promotion.

Miss Howland continued her education while on the nursing staff at Deaconess, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing Education from the Boston University School of Nursing in 1949. She was awarded a Master of Science degree in 1955.

Her honors are many. She is a member of Pi Lambda Theta, National Honor Society for Women in Education, and Sigma Theta Tau, National Honorary Society of Nursing. She is first vice-president of the Alumnae Association of the Deaconess School of Nursing.

She belongs to the National League for Nursing, the American Nurses Association, American Red Cross Nursing Service, Boston University Alumnae Association, Guild of St. Barnabus for Nurses and old Dartmouth Historical Society.

Her recreational interests range from knitting, needlepoint to color photography. Mystery stories, she says, are her first choice for relaxation. Otherwise her reading choices are biographies and books on the history of nursing.

All other hobbies are subordinate to the study of history, historical places and historical things. Her only hobby to approximate this pastime is classical music, especially opera, and this extends from attendance at the opera to listening to records.

SENSE OF HUMOR

When Miss Howland was asked about her hobbies, she smiled and offered the following caption which appeared under a magazine cartoon.

"She likes classical music, art museums, and she reads a lot, but nobody's perfect"

"Sounds just like me," she commented.

HISTORICAL HERITAGE

Lore of the sea and historical tales have always captivated Miss Howland's interest. Of special appeal are historical collections in New Bedford archives and museums.

Little wonder. Her grandfather played a prominent role in the city's adventuresome past as captain of a whaling vessel.

DR. HINTON ON DUTY 8 TO 9 A.M. AT EMPLOYEES' HEALTH CLINIC

Dr. Elmer Hinton, Deaconess Health Officer, is present at the Employees Health Clinic daily from 8 to 9 a.m. to conduct preplacement and periodic physical examinations and to care for employees if an emergency arises while the employee is on duty.

Our Health Officer cannot replace the employee's personal physician. He will be glad to refer employees to specialists or to another staff physician.

All employees are reminded that they are not to approach staff doctors with their health problems while the doctors are on their hospital rounds. Appointments should be booked at the doctor's office.

Nurses are on duty at the clinic from 8 a.m to 6 p. m. and night emergency service is available from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m.

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Editorially Speaking

Greetings, Promises and Spirit

Major personnel changes in the Corporation and the Nursing Department are reported in the current issue of the Pulse. Elections and appointments of this caliber are occasion for words of welcome to those assuming new positions of high responsibility. They are occasion for expressions of gratitude to their predecessors who, by their deeds, have written inspiring chapters in the Deaconess Hospital history.

Professions of our new officials are varied; their services to the hospital will touch on widely differing aspects of administration. They have, however, one characteristic in common: each is motivated by personal loyalty and dedication to the hospital, its employees and patients.

Their future decisions and efforts will affect all of us. Their successes will, in a sense, be our successes, for the hospital's progress is dependent on their loyalty to us and our loyalty to them.

Whatever our niche at the Deaconess, we extend hearty congratulations, a warm welcome and the promise of our fullest support and cooperation.

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What is the "Deaconess Hospital spirit?"

Two letters printed below, both from employees to their fellow employees, describe it as well as any words could.

The letters tell us it is many things: events to cherish, kindnesses and well-wishes, pride in accomplishment, thoughtfulness, remembrance and "a warm and happy feeling to know that so many friends are nearby thinking of you."

Dear Fellow Employees and Friends:

Words are inadequate to express my feelings to all who contributed in making my farewell party such a memorable occasion. It was an event that I shall cherish as long as I live.

The kindnesses that were shown my wife, the best wishes for my future by all the personnel of the hospital, which were so genuine and unaffected, all were deeply appreciated.

I wish to thank the Credit Union for electing me honorary president. I am proud to have had a part in making it a going organization.

Thank you, one and all, for making my thirty-odd years as an employee of the hospital such happy ones.

God bless you all,

ROBBIE

My sincerest and most heartfelt "thanks" to the doctors, nurses, blood donors, members of the Housekeeping Department, fellow workers and all the many wonderful people who so thoughtfully remembered me with flowers, cards, letters and visits to the hospital during my recent illness. It is such a warm and happy feeling to know that so many friends are nearby, thinking of you and wanting to help during your troubled moments.

Your kind remembrance and well-wishes were indeed most gratifying. Thanks!

BETTY PERREAULT,
Housekeeping

VOLUNTEERS GIVE 15,068 HOURS OF SERVICE IN YEAR

A total of 15,068 hours of service to the New England Deaconess Hospital were donated by volunteers during the past year, according to a census compiled by Mrs. Margery Homer, director of Volunteer Service,

Mrs. Homer disclosed that the total number of volunteers was 387. Actually, she explained, 311 persons gave their time and service, but many of these worked in more than one area. Ninety-nine were Friends of the Deaconess.

Mrs. Homer's detailed report showing the various services aided by the volunteers, follows:

VOLUNTEER SERVICE — CENSUS OCTOBER, 1955 TO OCTOBER, 1956

Services	Number of Volunteers	Total Number of Hours Served
Blood Bank	9	241
Central Supply	22	275
Clerical	18	598
Clinic	3	214
Coffee Shop	132	5501
Courtesy Cart	9	125
Flower Care	4	67
Flower Shop	39	1799
Library	8	562
Nursing	57	2761
R.C. Nurses' Aides	6	822
R.C. Grey Ladies	6	212
Deaconess Aides	28	1129
Ward Helpers	17	596
Record Room	1	277
Service Corps	18	531
Surgical Dressings F.O.D.	25	1556
Thrift Shop	6	532
Miscellaneous	36	244
Totals	**387**	**15068**

REMINDER

Herman Decker, comptroller, reminds employees that Deaconess payroll checks become void after 30 days from the date of issue. The bank will refuse to cash a check after that period. Checks should be cashed immediately. Should a check become void, $1 to cover clerical costs will be charged for issuance of a new check.

EMPLOYEES' IDEAS CAN WIN CASH AWARDS

Suggestion Plan Offers Chance To Test Ingenuity, Aid Hospital

DEMONSTRATION — Heather Davidson, left, and Florence McCarthy show procedure for submitting suggestions. Completed form is deposited in box near bulletin board in basement corridor outside cafeteria.

Opportunity is knocking anew for Deaconess employees to earn cash awards and at the same time contribute to the progress and efficiency of the hospital.

Here's a chance to test your ingenuity and demonstrate your initiative — a chance to merit an award of $5 to $50.

Suggestions are needed. If you are aware of a problem, point it out and offer a constructive solution.

You may see a way to eliminate accident, health and fire hazards. Possibly you have devised a shortcut to working efficiency. Your ideas may suggest improvements in patient care, public relations or working conditions.

You may have a plan to reduce waste or save materials, time or effort.

Whatever your idea may be, if it is constructive and offers a solution to a problem, suggest it. Your reward may be twofold — extra cash and the self-satisfaction of helping yourself, fellow employees and hospital patients.

Forms for submitting your suggestions are attached to a suggestion box near the bulletin board in the basement corridor outside the cafeteria. Read the basic rules on this page, fill out the form and deposit it in the box. This may be done now or any time in the future.

A committee which meets weekly will consider your suggestion and if it is adjudged workable, will adopt it.

BASIC RULES FOR THE SUGGESTION PLAN

1. Which suggestions deserve awards?
   Any constructive suggestion that will:
   - Eliminate — useless operations
     accident, health and fire hazards
   - Improve — patient care
     public relations
     working conditions — other than normal maintenance requirements
   - Reduce — waste
   - Save — materials, time, effort

   To deserve an award the suggestion must do more than point out an existing problem — it must give a constructive solution to that problem.
2. What awards will be granted?
   A scale of awards has been set up to help the committee in its evaluation of any suggestion. These range from $5 to $50.
3. Who is eligible to take part in the suggestion plan?
   All employees with the exception of the members of either of the two committees on Work Simplification are welcome to participate in the suggestion plan. Student nurses too are urged to submit their suggestions. Supervisory personnel should remember that their suggestions, if they are to merit an award, should deal with matters over and above what is expected of them in the daily performance of their jobs.
4. Identification of Suggesters
   To be eligible for an award, a suggestion must be signed by the person submitting it.
   This will mean:
   That the committee can keep in touch with the employee to let him know the progress of his suggestion.
   That the committee can easily get in touch with the person submitting the suggestion in case the committee should wish further explanation of the suggestion.
5. How to submit a suggestion
   The suggestion box is located in the corridor leading to the cafeteria. Employees are urged to write up their suggestions on the forms attached to the suggestion box. The box will be emptied each Friday and the suggestions will be considered by the suggestion committee on the following Monday.
6. Time limit on suggestions
   Awards will be granted for any suggestion which is adopted within one year. If a suggestion is not adopted within a year, the employee may resubmit it.
7. When more than one employee submits the same suggestion
   When the same suggestion is submitted by more than one employee, the award will be granted to the one submitting it first. Should it be impossible to decide which employee had the idea first, then the award will be divided.

Engagements

Louise D . Cohen, medical secretary, to Joseph Sadur.

Gail F. Prior, class of 1957, to Ernest R. Borden, Jr.

Lois Mae Heintz, class of 1952, to H. Guenter Schulz.

Beverly A. Johnson, class of 1956, to Frank H. Larson.

Janice Lee Grannell, class of 1957, to James S. Whitaker.

Weddings

Mary Ann Reardon, class of 1956, to Paul J. Smith.

Laura Stephanio, class of 1956, to Dr. John M. McRae.

Janice H. Stevenson, class of 1956, to Harold Riding.

Nancy Gould, class of 1957, to Edward Jaffarian.

Phyllis L. Libby, class of 1957, to Polibio Gentile.

Marilyn Nickerson, class of 1956, to marry William Wallace, surgical technician, on December 15.

Hospital Foot Clinic Open to Employees

The Deaconess Foot Room Clinic is now open to all employees from 8 to 9 a.m. on Mondays.

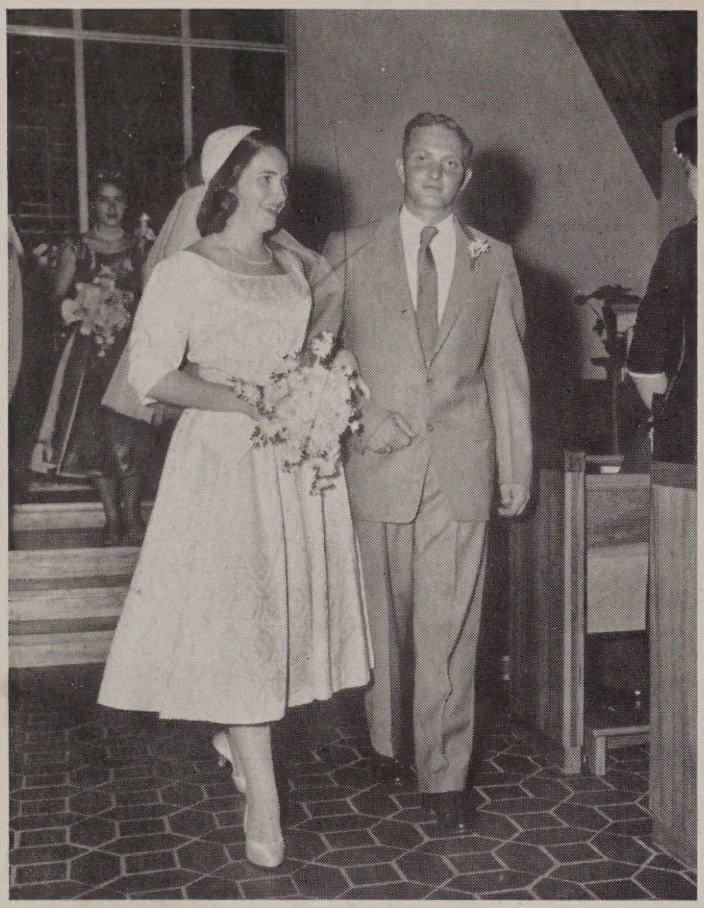
Appointments must be made in advance with the Foot Room nurse. The charge for this medical service will be $2 to $4, the exact amount to be determined by the doctor on the basis of time required for treatment and medical supplies used.

The clinic is located on Deaconess II.

$2,264 DONATED TO RED FEATHER

Deaconess employees contributed $2,264 to the 1956 Red Feather campaign. Reaching 70 per cent of quota, 469 persons gave an average of $4.80.

FIRST WEDDING IN CHAPEL



Audrey E. Scarpetti, Deaconess nurse and graduate of the Nursing School in September, was married on October 16 to Robert E. Schmidt of Pawtucket, R. I., in the first wedding at the Arthur T. Dooley Chapel.

Attending the evening candlelight ceremony were Mr. Dooley, donor of the chapel; Gustav A. Hagen, chapel architect; classmates of the bride; Mr. Lowry and other hospital officials.

Episcopal Bishop-elect Frederick Lawrence officiated, assisted by Chaplain Samuelson. Miss Marilyn Pearson, a Nursing School classmate, was maid of honor.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at Harris Hall.

DEACONESS TO BUY APARTMENTS

Seventy-six apartments near the hospital will soon be available for rental to Deaconess employees. Purchase of the four-story brick apartment building at 2, 6, 10 and 14 Autumn Street, at the corner of Longwood Avenue, will be completed the first week in January.

These excellent apartments will appeal primarily to the nursing staff, especially to those nurses who have evening and night duty and desire living quarters near the hospital.

The building contains 27 two-room, 38 three-room and 11 four-room apartments.

HOSPITAL MILESTONES

Deaconess Gives Salute to "Robbie" On His Retirement After 34 Years

ROBBIE AND FRIENDS — Herbert C. Robinson holds purse given by Credit Union at Harris Hall reception honoring him on his retirement after working 34 years at the Deaconess. Beside him is portable television presented by Robert D. Lowry for the hospital. Mrs. Robinson stands in the foreground. With Robbie, left to right, are Milton Nelson, Dr. Warren Cook, Mr. Lowry and Donald Sabine.

Herbert C. Robinson bid farewell on October 11 to a monument he helped build — The Deaconess Hospital.

"Robbie" entered retirement with memories born in 34 years of Deaconess growth that paralleled his employment. He carried, too, the fondest wishes of longtime friends, and their gifts, tokens of their esteem.

Deaconess had only 50 beds when Robbie set up shop as a cabinet maker and carpenter in 1922. The "White House," where the Baker Building now stands, was his office.

Today every building of the Deaconess bears evidence of this dedicated craftsman's talent. One of his finest feats of workmanship passed, however, with hospital expansion, but for years it attracted the interest and comments of visitors.

In 1934 Robbie delved into library books for sketches of an early American backwoods apothecary shop. He then built a replica, complete with wooden beams and cabinets of old antique. This was the hospital pharmacy store, located in the Deaconess Building, until the construction of the modern Central Building.

Robbie's skill contributed to the physical progress of the hospital in many ways, but simultaneously he was contributing enthusiasm, initiative and personal effort to build the "spirit of Deaconess."

In his desire to help other employees, he was a founder of the credit union and for 16 years until his retirement, served as its president.

His friends from every department honored Robbie on the day of his retirement with a reception at Harris Hall. Executive Director Don Lowry presented him with a portable television set in behalf of the hospital, and Milton Nelson, credit manager, gave him a purse from credit union members.